

### REMARKS

Applicants have replaced the abstract and amended the claims both to eliminate improper multiple dependency and to improve the claim language. Applicants have also amended the specification to insert headings and to eliminate references to the claims in the specification that are not in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants attach a clean copy of the application as amended above in the second Appendix. No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

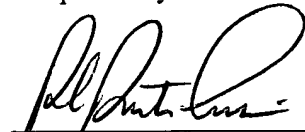
Early action allowing claims 1-8 is solicited.

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